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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : OXCART Briefing Material for PTIAB

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Following is an outline of OXCART status information.

I Background Highlights

A. Deployed to Kadena, Okinawa May 1967.

B. Mission Summary

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|---------------|----------|
| North Vietnam | 24 |
| Cambodia | 2 |
| North Korea | <u>2</u> |
| Total | 28 |

(These flights represent 56 total passes over denied territory)

II Current Status

A. North Vietnam coverage responsibility transferred from CIA to SAC 15 March 1968.

B. SR-71 has flown 2 missions, 1 pass each. On the first mission the target was almost totally cloud covered preventing any meaningful evaluation of the target. Second mission flown last Tuesday and photography is not yet available.

C. There is no new technical information on either the OXCART or SR-71 which bears on their capability.

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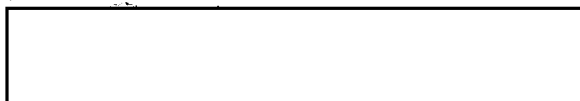
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Technical differences have been reviewed in detail at prior PFIAB meetings.

D. OXCART still scheduled for phase-out 1 July but could still be kept in operation if decision made in the immediate future.

E. Executive Committee for National Reconnaissance Programs plans to meet in the immediate future to review phase-out decision and make its recommendation as to whether the program should be continued.

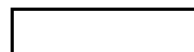


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